

RECOGNIZING GOOD WORK

The 19th Street Baptist Church celebrates the 17th Anniversary of the Pastorate of Rev. Walter H. Brooks.

The auditorium of the 19th Street Baptist church, was well filled Friday evening of last week to witness the celebration of the 17th anniversary of Rev. Walter H. Brooks, during which he was presented with a beautiful gold watch. The following distinguished persons were on the platform: Revs. Walter H. Brooks, D. F. Rivers, Hon. J. W. Lyons, Register of the Treasury, Rev. A. C. Garner, Mr.

place extra taxation upon them, or furnish a basis for advocating deportation, or otherwise work to their injury, those in whom they have confidence should cooperate to allay such fears, and teach them that the census cannot in any wise harm them; but on the other hand, will show their progress side by side with that of the whites and give them the industrial position to which they are entitled. In urging upon all the importance of getting our figures into the hands of the enumerators, promptly and accurately, the Bishops, presiding elders, heads of the great colleges, district school teachers, and newspapers, can perform a service of incalculable benefit to the Negro race.

READINGS BY MR. CHESNUTT

Author of "Conjure Woman" Entertains a Large Audience.

Charles W. Chesnutt, author of "The Conjure Woman," "The Wife of His Youth,"—the latter to be issued this month—and other stories of Negro life, both in the South and North, read



REV. WALTER H. BROOKS.

C. Garner, Mr. A. N. Canfield, Mrs. Rosetta E. Lawson, Miss Ella B. Eaton and others. Among the invited guests were: Dr. and Mrs. Cabanis, Revs. L. S. Plagg, Hill, J. E. Robinson. There were present also Deacons Jarvis, Beale and Stewart. The program included an invocation by Dr. Rivers, singing by the choir, solo by Mr. Taylor and a welcome address by Mrs. Lawson and Miss Jones. Mr. A. N. Canfield gave a practical illustration of the remarkable work that had been accomplished by Dr. Brooks during his 17 years of administration here and said that during his (the speaker's) association with Dr. Brooks in temperance meetings and conventions he had learned to love him because of his manly and Christian courage in behalf of right and truth. Mr. Canfield concluded by paying a high tribute to the church and pastor. Hon. J. W. Lyons, Register of the Treasury made a very unique address in which he complimented very highly the work and labors of Dr. Brooks. He spoke of the power and influence of the ministry in moulding public sentiment and in influencing the people both in politics and in Christian work. Miss Ella Boston, representing the committee of one hundred who were in charge of the anniversary, made a presentation address, at the conclusion of which Dr. Brooks found himself the happy recipient of a beautiful gold watch given in behalf of the church, as a token of their love and esteem. Dr. Brooks with eyes sparkling with delight, responded in a short, but appropriate address.

After the benediction by Rev. A. C. Garner, the invited guests and friends repaired to the basement where refreshments were served to all free.

BILL FOR CONGRESS TO PUNISH LYNCHERS.

This bill, drafted by Edward Everett Brown, a Boston lawyer, has been adopted by The Black Man's Burden Relief Association of Illinois, and submitted by Dr. J. H. Magee, president; W. G. Anderson secretary, to their Senators and Congressmen, from which to prepare a bill that will meet the conditions and remedy the evils complained of. The measure provides:

"Wherever any number of men assemble together in any state or territory of the United States with the intent to take the life of any person who has been accused of the commission of any criminal offense, without due process of law by lynching, burning, cutting, or slaying or by taking the life of any person so accused by any unlawful means, such act shall be declared a crime against the government of the United States and whoever is privy to such intent or present aiding in the commission of such offense, shall be tried in any United Court, and if convicted shall be punished by death.

And it is further enacted that the President of the United States shall have the right to interfere in any state or territory of the United States where men assemble together for the purpose of the lynching any person."

How to Secure an Accurate Census in the Black Belt.

Asking an accurate census of Negroes in the Black Belt of the South and the remote from railroads and great highways, will be attended by many difficulties and embarrassments. These, however, can be reduced to a minimum by beginning at once a system of instruction among the ignorant or apprehensive. In some sections the visit of a man with a pad and pencil is apt to be viewed with alarm to many persons unaccustomed to such things, and give rise to all kinds of confusion. Some of the colored people, receive information concerning the census through the newspapers, and they are prepared to meet the enumerator and give the required data in intelligent fashion; but such are unable to read, especially those born in slavery, cannot be reached most effectively, through their editors, teachers, ministers and leaders. If anywhere the people entertain a fear that the inquiries of the enumerators will be used to



CHARLES W. CHESNUTT.

several selections from his writings on the 17th ult. to a large and intellectual audience at the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian church. That Mr. Chesnutt handles the dialect of the North Carolina backwoods Negro with rare skill is well known to the many readers of his books, and it was demonstrated in a manner most entertaining, that he can speak as well as write dialect.

"Hot-Foot Hannibal," a story from "The Conjure Woman," which is put into the mouth of "Uncle Julius," was the first selection read. The story brings two quarrelling lovers together through the diplomacy of Uncle Julius, who at an opportune time, relates a "na'nt" story.

"Uncle Wellington's Wives," one of the tales in Mr. Chesnutt's new book, is both pathetic and humorous. There was not a dull moment in the two hours spent with Mr. Chesnutt and at the conclusion of the program he received the hearty applause and individual congratulations of his auditors. Between the selections read, Miss Bertie Mason rendered several piano solos Tuesday evening of last week, Mr. Chesnutt appeared before the Bethel Literary and Historical Association and received a welcome equal as cordial as that above described. While in the city, Mr. Chesnutt was the guest of Mr. H. C. Tyson, 2124 K street, northwest.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

The Reformer, (Richmond, Va.) contains the following item, which should carry much encouragement to young people who aspire to teach. Washington is overcrowded with splendid talent that might be utilized to advantage by our Virginia neighbors. Our boys and girls should not permit a desire to remain here rob them of golden opportunities abroad. The Reformer says:

"The demand for colored teachers in all sections of the state has been greater this year than for several years. With the workshop closed against many of our young men, we would advise them to prepare themselves for the examinations to be held next year as the demands will be in excess of those of this year."

It is not generally known that Mrs. Penelope Booth, wife of Dr. G. C. Booth of Evanston, was the first woman of the race to teach in the public schools of New England.

Livingstone College has 190 students—more than it had this time last year. All things being equal, this bids fair to be a very encouraging session from start to finish.

Miss Gertrude V. Mahoney is succeeding admirably as a German teacher in the public schools of Indianapolis.

In the death of Prof. T. C. Buford which occurred at New Castle last week the colored race in Kentucky loses a brilliant, able and aggressive leader. The best years of his life had been given to uplifting of his downtrodden people. He was prominent in church and secret society circles, a leading educator, active politician, and esteem of his people to the fullest extent.

An industrial home for boys and girls was opened November 30, in Columbia, S. C. The promoters have been able to purchase ten thousand dollars worth of valuable property in the last three months, near the city of Columbia, and have 316½ acres and

one brick building valued at three thousand dollars, besides other small cottages. They will be able to accommodate about 25 children.

Colored Baptists of Georgia' under the leadership of Rev. E. K. Love have begun the Negro Baptist College by purchasing 2.5 acres of land on which a fine building, suitable for college purposes is to be erected.

Rev. D. A. Graham is visiting the Southern Conferences in interest of Payne Seminary. He reports \$217 in cash and \$500 in subscriptions from the Pittsburgh conference. His book includes \$4,000 in subscriptions to date.

The Maryland Home For Friendless Colored Children is an institution just established to supply a long felt need in the practical decrease of the Simmons Home, there were left a number of poor helpless young colored girls with no one to care for them. The Maryland Home purposes to take charge of these, and to lay the foundation for a great Home—a credit and ornament to the Negro.

Rehearsal for Cantata by Plymouth Company.

A largely attended rehearsal of the Plymouth Company was held Monday evening in the auditorium of the church, and the impersonations of the characters in the proposed cantata "Queen Esther" were announced by Director J. Henry Lewis, as follows: King Ahasuerus, Mr. Thos. T. Johnson; Queen Esther, Mrs. Estelle Maston; Haman, Mr. R. W. Johnson; Mordecai, Mr. Morrison Goodrich; Zereah, Miss



PROF. J. HENRY LEWIS.

Nettie Garrett; Propheters, Miss Annie E. Payne; Mordecai's sister, Miss Julia Lewis; Hegai, Mr. Wm. C. Ler; Herald, Mr. Charles Lee; Harbonah, Mr. Wm. DeLong; Scribe, Mr. John Shorter; High Priest, Mr. Jacob B. Walker. The other solos will be taken by Misses Bertie Mason, Irene Dorsey, Gertrude Tibbs, Marie Morgan and Beatrice Malvan. The principal characters and the chorus have volunteered their services in this cantata which is to be rendered December 14, at Grand Army Hall for the benefit of Plymouth Congregational church, Rev. A. C. Garner, pastor. Miss Nellie Freeman and Miss Addie Lewis inaugurated the effort.

Lavalette May Be Restored.

Mr. W. A. Lavalette, a printer of much skill and experience, has been transferred from the main building to the Specification Division of the Government Printing Office, where a very high grade of workmanship is required. Mr. Lavalette is one of the oldest and most reliable employees of the great printing bureau, and for many years served with marked ability and competency as proof reader. It is more than likely, within the fewest of days, that Mr. Lavalette will again be called to the proof room. If Mr. Palmer desires to accord to the Negro the full measure of justice in the matter of appointment to the "preferred positions," there is no better place to begin than in the restoration of the faithful and tried Lavalette.

Honoring L. W. A. Credit.

Rev. W. A. Credit, pastor of Cherry Street Baptist church, Philadelphia on Monday of last week delivered an unusually eloquent and impressive address to the Philadelphia Christian Endeavor Union, in the Arch Street Presbyterian church, one of the most aristocratic places of religious worship in the Quaker City. He was warmly received, and listened to with great attention. Dr. Credit is the first of the colored divines of Philadelphia to be honored by an invitation to address this immense organization. Dr. Credit will be pleasantly remembered as the pastor of the Berean Baptist church, of Washington.

A Louisiana Liar.

The Negro regiments, even the least objectionable of them, have left a trail of riot and disorder wherever they have gone. All through the war with Spain these disorders occurred at Chhattanooga, Knoxville, Tampa, and wherever the Negroes were stationed, and it took almost as many white soldiers to keep them on their good behavior as there were Negroes in the service—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Justice Marshall Now.

Mr. N. B. Marshall, a graduate of Harvard, who is now associated in the practice of law with Johnson W. Ramsey, Boston's foremost colored attorney, was recently appointed Justice of the Peace by Governor Walcott. Mr. Marshall is well known here.

CIVIL RIGHTS CASES.

The Management of the New Grand to be Vigorously Prosecuted for Discrimination Against Colored Citizens—Council to take a Hand.

The outrageous discrimination against colored people by the management of the New Grand has stirred the citizens of Washington more deeply than has been the case with any similar demonstration of race prejudice in recent years. Lawyers, professional and business men are all taking a hand, and many suits, civil and criminal, are likely to result before the incident is closed. The Negroes are determined to stamp out this absurd innovation of Burke and Chase, and are getting about it in a business-like manner that bode no good to any who may undertake to stand in the way of decency and order.

Organizations are also bringing their influence to bear against this cruel and inhuman caste proscription. At the meeting of the executive committee of the National Afro-American Council, held Thursday evening at the residence of Mr. Daniel Murray, the following resolution was presented by Mr. R. W. Thompson and unanimously adopted as the voice of the Council:

WHEREAS, The management of the Grand Opera House of this city has refused admission to the desirable seats of that theater to respectable and orderly colored people, in open violation of the laws of the United States and the District of Columbia—

Be it Resolved, That we deplore this outrageous discrimination on the part of the said management, and look upon it as a dangerous infringement upon the citizen rights and well being of all members of the Negro race, and likely to be far-reaching in its consequences unless speedily rebuked; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That in order to protect the law abiding and respectable elements of our people from such rank injustice, the National Afro-American Council hereby tenders its moral and financial support to all persons aggrieved by denial of admission to said Grand Opera House, and it is advised that criminal and civil proceedings be instituted at once to test the ability and disposition of the authorities of said city; and to this end it is further advised that competent legal talent be secured to assist in the prosecution of said managers, Burke and Chase, under the civil rights act, in operation in the District of Columbia and the territories.

Mr. W. T. Ferguson last week swore out a warrant against Burke and Chase, managers of the New Grand, for violation of the civil rights law. The case had been twice postponed, but came up Tuesday morning at which time the defendants waived preliminary examination and gave "personal bond" for appearance before the grand jury. Other warrants will be issued by persons to whom orchestra seats were refused.

Prof. Weatherless will file a civil suit for damages against the same management, and has also instituted inquiries into the conduct of the officer who effected his arrest, claiming that they exceeded their duty and committed unwarranted assault.

The race for once is united and seems to be deadly in earnest in their prosecution of these cases.

The Cosmos Club.

Intense interest and pleasure are being shown in the forthcoming assemblies at Odd Fellows' Hall. The first was given Tuesday evening. About one hundred of the best people, both old and young participated, and express themselves heartily in favor of the revival of former delightful social treats by the Cosmos Club, acting as committee in charge. Upon invitation the following gentlemen have accepted the offer of honorary membership in the Cosmos Club: Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback, Jno. F. Cook, Messrs. Jerome A. Johnson, Eugene Brooks, Henry C. Baker, Dr. John R. Francis and Prof. R. H. Terrell.

In Free Philadelphia.

T. J. Minton, the well known colored lawyer, has been evicted from the Witherspoon building, Philadelphia, which is owned by the Presbyterians. The reason is said to be his color, although the managers deny the allegation. John H. Converse, the president of the Presbyterian Publication Board, has charge of the building, and is responsible for the eviction. As a result the African Methodist Episcopal Conference has adopted resolutions that the eviction was "an exhibition of race prejudice by men who are professedly exemplars of the Bible and its teachings."

Demand For Colored Teachers. The great demand for colored school teachers in all section of the state is conclusive evidence of the general prejudice that prevails everywhere. Heretofore white men and women who could secure no other employment, sought positions as teachers in Negro schools. With the opening up of business new fields have been opened for them and they have given up their colored charges.—The Reformer, Richmond, Va.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

In the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, the 17th day of October, 1909. Mary J. Kinloch vs. James S. Kinloch, No. 20431. Docket 46.

On motion of the plaintiff, by Mr. R. S. Smith, her solicitor, it is ordered that the defendant, James S. Kinloch cause his appearance to be entered herein on or before the first rule-day occurring forty days after this day; otherwise the cause will be proceeded with as in case of default.

The object of this suit is for absolute divorce upon the grounds of cruelty and desertion.

A copy of this order shall be published once per week in The Washington Law Reporter and The Colored American, for three successive weeks from date hereof.

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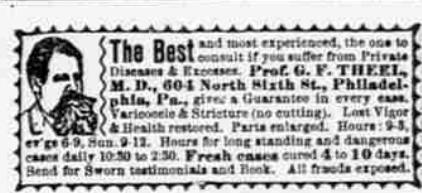
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